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Busy at the Department this morning.

We lunched with the Achesons. Dean was in wit - as invariably - and it was fun. He told me something of the background of Truman's radio address on the Harry Dexter White case.

This afternoon I had a long talk with Chalmers Roberts of the Washington Post - an ex-OSS man. He is a first-class journalist.

I passed an agreeable and interesting forty minutes with Bedell Smith. He is courageous and able. He says confidentially he will definitely leave as Under Secretary about June 1 and go into a high position with the American Machine and Foundry Company, which is headed by our mutual friend Morehead Patterson. Bedell is thoroughly disgusted with the political pressures applied to the Department by Congressmen. He thinks a settlement of the Trieste problem can be brought about; that the Suez Canal issue will be difficult because of domestic opinion in England. He told me of the circumstances surrounding Hallstein's recent trip to Washington. Once again the Chancellor failed to use normal diplomatic channels, and Bedell said to tell him, if the opportunity occurs, that if Adenauer's special emissaries arrive again without proper advance clearance he will refuse them admittance to the country.

Tonight we had dinner with Macgill and Carrie James in the unique Jamesian atmosphere.

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